



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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LANSING

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ANNOUNCEMENT

**Challenge Deadline: Initiative Petition
Sponsored by Citizens for Education**

The deadline for challenging signatures sampled from the initiative petition sponsored by the Citizens for Education, P.O. Box 2573, East Lansing, MI 48826-2573 elapses at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2006.

Arrangements to purchase or inspect copies of the petition sheets which bear the sampled signatures can be made by contacting the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections, P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, MI 48901. Office location: Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor, 430 West Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933. Phone: (517) 373-2540.

The initiative petition sponsored by the Citizens for Education would amend the State School Aid Act to ensure that the Legislature establish and appropriate minimum funding levels for Michigan's public elementary and secondary schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges, public universities and independent nonprofit colleges or universities. The proposal would provide for minimum funding increases for education by an amount not less than the General Price Level.

The challenge deadline was established by the Board of State Canvassers at its meeting of April 11, 2006. By motion, the Board stipulated that the challenge deadline elapse 10 business days after copies of the signatures sampled from the petition are available to the public.